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Mr. Ira Singer, Town Administrator
Memorial Hall
48 South Street
Middleton, MA 01949

RE: MIDDLETON
Adhesives Manufacturer
School Street
DEP Case No. 3-0168

Dear Mr. Singer,

The Department is in receipt of your letter dated October 21, 1993 regarding the site of the former adhesives manufacturer on School Street in Middleton. Your letter refers to a correspondence I sent to you on December 4, 1992, which informed you that the EPA's Lexington office had agreed to evaluate this site for a "removal action" under their program. Your October 21, 1993 letter states that you have received no formal response from the EPA or this Department to date.

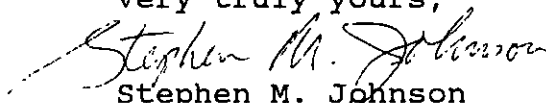
In response to this, I have contacted Ms. Mary Ellen Stanton of the EPA. She has informed me that in February, 1993, the EPA collected drinking water samples from a number of homes on private wells in the School Street area. No contaminants were detected at or above federal drinking water standards. After review of the information on file at this office, EPA determined that the School Street site did not meet their program's requirements to qualify for a removal action at this time.

In light of this, the Department has assigned a staff person to become directly involved with the oversight of this case. We have met with Ms. Stanton of EPA to review the findings of her work. We will attempt to locate the potentially responsible parties for this site to arrange a site inspection and to inform them of the need to take any immediate actions necessary with respect to the drums still stored on-site. We may need to contact you or other Town officials to assist us in our future efforts on this case, and I hope that we can count on your assistance. We would also welcome the Town's participation in the site inspection.

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Mr. Singer

We will be contacting you as soon as we have the site visit scheduled. In the interim, please contact me or Ms. Margaret Chen of this office at (617) 935-2160, or at the letterhead address, if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen M. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" being more prominent.

Stephen M. Johnson
Section Chief, Site Management

cc: Commissioner Greenbaum, DEP/Boston
Ms. Mary Ellen Stanton, U.S. EPA, 60 Westview St., Lexington MA
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